

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 3-8, of which claim 3 is independent. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter and are being presented by way of a divisional application.

Claim 3 is identified as reciting patentable subject matter and being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 3 has been rewritten into independent form and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-8 have been amended to depend from claim 3 and are therefore allowable for reasons noted above with respect to claim 3.

Applicant also presents herewith a new and more descriptive title. Favorable consideration is respectfully sought.

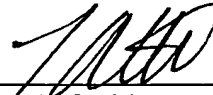
The drawings were also objected to on grounds that Figures 7, 8, and 9 should be designated as prior art. Applicant has complied with the Examiner's requirement and designated those figures as such.

Applicant has also amended Figure 1 to include Box 301 corresponding to a gloss mode setting operation for the image forming apparatus. This feature is described in the specification at least at page 18, line 5 et. seq.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue thereof is respectfully sought.

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